

Serra High School Prepares to Celebrate Tenth Anniversary

One of the first high schools built by the Archbishop's Building Fund in 1950, Serra has grown in every respect each year until today it has far outstripped the original estimate of 400 students and will this year have 630 boys, a number that represents capacity rather than satisfaction of needs. The Society of Mary (Marianists) staffed Serra with three brothers and one lay teacher. Today 17 Marianist priests, teaching brothers and working brothers, along with 10 lay men, supply a comprehensive curriculum in college preparatory, business, shop and general areas of study.

In seven graduating classes Serra has placed into society almost 700 young men stamped with the Catholic educational tradition fulfilling the intention of Father Chaminade, Founder of the Society of Mary. "The term education comprises all the means which enable us to sow, cultivate, strengthen and render fruitful the Christian spirit in souls, in order to lead them to an open profession of true Christianity." Thirty-two young men, graduates of Serra, are studying for the priesthood or have dedicated their lives to the service of God in the religious life. Most of these are training for a teaching career. Serra graduates are attending over 30 colleges and universities in the United States and abroad.

Planned improvements for the near future include the enlarging and modernizing of the cafeteria and kitchen facilities and the equipping of the first aid room. Donations have been received for an electric scoreboard for the football stadium. The grandstands that the dads built last summer have been completed.

FACULTY changes for this school year include the following: Father John Rielly, S.M., school chaplain replacing Father William O'Connell, S.M.; Brother Robert Maguire, S.M., who will take over Serra's Speech and Debate Club; Brother Albert Nunes, S.M., who will replace Brother Edward Maushart, S.M., in the Commercial Department (Bro. Maushart is the new vice-principal at Chaminade High School); Mr. Thomas Cunningham, who is returning to Serra after a year of graduate studies; Mr. Hub Maikowski, the new football coach, and Mr. Charles Hettes, an addition to the math department. Brother Joseph Wasy, S.M., a former teacher at Serra, has been assigned to St. Joseph College, Yokohama, Japan.

Plans are being made at the present time under the direction of Student Body President Tom Kilder to make Serra's Tenth Anniversary a memorable occasion. Student leaders have been meeting during the summer to plan this important year.



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This past summer the Serra dads painted the exterior of the original school building, and under their direction the parking lot is being paved and lighted. Numerous repairs were accomplished by the Serra parents recently including plumbing, masonry and furniture reconditioning.

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Manager Gordon McRae assigned the boat "City of Redondo" to the task of working the prolific rockcod banks off Redondo. The run is carded for 12 noon daily. Since its initial run on Monday of this week, limit catches have been the rule on each of the trips.

At the same time McRae also announced the Monday through Thursday "special 2 for 1" barge offer — which allows either women, or children, to fish on any (or all) of the three barges in service for free, when accompanied by an adult paid fare — will go through the rest of the summer season.

The "special" also allows night fishing for angling fans who go for the nocturnal side of the hook and line sport.

Assemblyman Joe Shell To Address GOP Women

Assemblyman Joseph C. Shell, minority leader of the State Assembly, will be guest speaker at the first fall meeting of the South Bay Club of Federated Republican Women at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept.



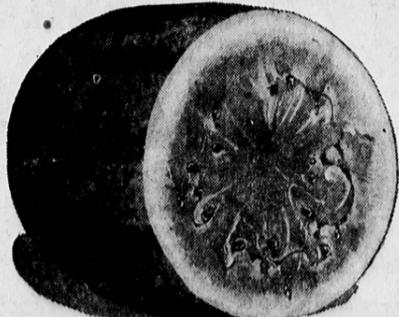
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